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July 1, 1995

Mr. James R. MacAyeal Mr. James D.P. Farrell Environmental Enforcement Section United States Department of Justice P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044-7611

United States of America v. Ben Hardy, et al.

Dear Jim and Jamie:

I enclose a copy of our comments on the latest version of the Consent Decree which you have provided to us. These comments reflect the discussions in our previous telephone conversation. We will still need to provide you with some additional information regarding the properties, as well as a time table for liquidation.

As I mentioned to Jim, I will be out of the office until July At that time, we would anticipate finalizing the financial disclosure information, as well as the terms of the Consent Decree.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Feather / tk

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Enclosure

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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY AT LOUISVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
Plaintiff,		
v.) Civil Action Nos.	90-0695-L(J) 90-0792-L(J)
BEN HARDY, et al.,))	J0 -07J2-L(0)
Defendants.)	
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CONSENT DECREE

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), filed a Complaint in United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky on October 18, 1990, pursuant to Sections 107 and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(g), for declaratory relief and reimbursement of costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in response to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment from the Lee's Lane Landfill Superfund Site located approximately 4.4 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky, adjacent to the southern eastern bank of the Ohio River (the "Site");

WHEREAS, the United States has incurred costs in performing response actions at the Site, not including certain attorney's fees and prejudgment interest, of \$4,017,165.43 and the interest on the outstanding balance of \$1,361,580.76, for a total of \$5,378,746.19, as of September, 1994 ("Past Costs");

WHEREAS, the United States has incurred and will have incurred additional costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees and

prejudgment interest, up to the date of entry of this Consent

Decree; and will incur costs in connection with this Consent Decree

until termination of this Consent Decree (collectively, "Future (costs");

WHEREAS, the United States has already entered into settlements with other parties in connection with the Site and pursuant to the settlements, embodied in two consent decrees, the other parties have reimbursed the United States a total of parties \$3,101,230.00 of the \$5,378,746.19 in outstanding costs for Past your Costs incurred by the United States;

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Administrative Order on Consent, the Jefferson County Metropolitan Authority has provided \$500,000 in maintenance and oversight costs for the Site;

WHEREAS, the United States has sought to recover <u>Past Ceosts</u> of at least \$2,277,516.19 and obtain a declaratory judgment for <u>Future Costs</u> from the remaining nonsettling defendants: Ben B. Hardy, <u>Jr.</u>, J H Realty, Inc. and The Hofgesang Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") (hereinafter collectively "Defendants");

WHEREAS, the United States and Defendants agree and this Court, by entering this Consent Decree, finds that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation and that this Consent Decree, without being an admission of liability, is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest;

THEREFORE, with the consent of the parties to this Consent Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

JURISDICTION I.

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b). This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendants. Solely for the purposes of this Consent Decree, Defendants waive all objections and defenses that they may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue in this District and shall not challenge the entry of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- Defendants represent and warrant to the best of their knowledge and belief as follows:
- The Foundation's has assets and property interests are as follows:
- "Real · estate at 3000 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, which was appraised at \$585,000 on April 1343 1993, and which has an outstanding mortgage of \$131,480.51 as of April 3, 1995:
- An account receivable in the form of a note in the original amount of \$285,000 payable in sixty (60) monthly installments (forty (40) monthly payments of \$3,000.00 each remain on the note as of [date] and a balloon payment of \$208,037.81 is # due at the end of forty months);
- A note in the original amount of \$7,000.00, payable in forty (40) monthly installments, secured by a single

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family residence located at 2206 Greenwood Avenue, Louisville,
-- Kentucky, value unknown;

d. Real estate in Indiana, value unknown, concerning which the Foundation has appealed a summary judgment entered by a trial court in Indiana has entered summary judgment finding that the Foundation has lost title by adverse possession. The Foundation has appealed the summary judgment;

- e. Real estate in Indiana, value unknown, which is currently in the Hofgesang Estate and is the subject of litigation in Indiana state court;
- f. A checking account with Great Financial Bank, Louisville, Kentucky, with a balance of \$818.23 as of May 19, 1995;
- g. <u>Numerous undeveloped</u> Twenty lots near the Lee's Lane Landfill value unknown;
- h. Real estate at 2001 S. 41st Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 2003 S. 41st Street, and 2000 S. 40th Street and 1820 S. 40th Street, Louisville, Kentucky which are currently subject to tax liens which exceed the values of the properties;
- i. The Central and Northern Tracts of the Lee's Lane Landfill;
 - j. Stock of J H Realty, Inc.
- 2. J H Realty, Inc. 'e has as its only asset is the Southern Tract of the Lee's Lane Landfill.
- 3. <u>Ben B. Mr. Hardy's has assets and liabilities as</u> set forth in attachment A.

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4.C. Defendants have made no fraudulent conveyances or transfers in the last seven years) liveled to 10 years

Defendants have made full and complete disclosure of all documents and information relating to each Defendant's assets ypan 1987 to depresent. and liabilities as requested by the United States.

III. JUDGMENT

C.D. Judgment shall be entered jointly and severally in the amount of \$2,277,516.19 against Defendants J. H. Realty, Inc. and The Hofgesang Foundation, Inc. This judgment shall be set forth in a separate document as required by Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

PAYMENTS BY THE DEFENDANTS

D.E. In full - and complete settlement, discharge and satisfaction of any c alms and demands against the Defendants by the United States for Past Costs and Editure Costs, and the judgment pay to the United States a percentage, as set forth below, of the by the net liquidated value of the assets of the Foundation listed in II. (B). (1). (a) - through (a) of the Control Said Settlement Assets do not include the properties subject to tax liens in excess of the value of the properties, the Lee's Lane Landfill Northern and Central Tracts, and the stock of J H Realty, Inc. (owner of the Southern Tract of the Lee's Lane Landfill). The Foundation shall pay the United States 90% of the net liquidated-value of the Settlement Assets up to \$600,000; 100% 85% of the net liquidated value of the Settlement Assets between

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Defendants.

\$600,000 and \$800,000; and 80% of the net liquidated value of the Settlement Assets over \$800,000. "Net liquidated value" means any cash amount which is divided between the United States and the Foundation produced from the liquidation of Settlement Assets and remaining after deduction of the costs incurred in preserving and Immediately upon the Settlement Assets. liquidating the liquidation of any Settlement Asset asset, the net liquidatedion value proceeds shall be deposited into an interest bearing account with a financial institution selected approved by the United States, and payments to the United States shall be made in accordance with instructions provided by the United States to the

F. Any money kept by the Foundation shall be used for the payment of reasonable professional expenses and fees that have been cithede W incurred by the Foundation prior to May 15, 1995. The fees for professional services are as follows: Brown, Todd & Heyburn, - , Indiana-law firm, may pay said fees after it has liquidated the account receivable in the form of a note as described in II(b)(I)(a) and the real estate at 3000 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, as described in II (B) (1) (b). If the Foundation has any -remaining funds after payment of fees for professional services, said funds shall be used leaf cry to defray-the costs of liquidation or, with-the consent of the -to-make-any-necessary-charitable-contributions-to uly aprete pay Mark?! reduce the tax liability of the Foundation.

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DISCOVERY AND DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

E.G. Defendants have made full and complete disclosure of all documents and information relating to each Defendant's assets and liabilities as requested by the United States. If at any time the United States Court determines that Defendants J H Realty, Inc. and material Hofgesang Foundation, Inc. have made any The misrepresentation or nondisclosure regarding their financial status in connection with this Consect Der and affairs to the United States at Consent Decree, the satisfaction of judgment provided for herein shall be null and void. If at any time the Court determines that Defendant Ben B. Hardy has made any material misrepresentation or nondisclosure regarding his financial status and affairs to the United States at the time of lodging of this Consent Decree, the covenant not to sue provided for herein shall be null and void.

VI. CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

F. H. With regard to claims for contribution against Defendants for matters addressed in this Consent Decree, the parties agree that, upon entry of this Consent Decree and conditioned upon the subsequent payments by Defendants of the amounts required by this Harley Consent Decree, Defendants are entitled to such protection from contribution actions or claims as is provided by CERCLA Section 113(f)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2), for the matters addressed in this Consent Decree, The matters addressed in this Consent Decree are costs of response in connection with the Lee's Lane Landfill Superfund Site as of the date of entry of this Consent Decree.

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VII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE

G.I. The United States covenants not to sue Mr. Ben B. Hardy under Section 10% of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 to recover Past Response Costs and Future Costs. Past Response Costs" shall mean all boots, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs that BPA and the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of EPA have incurred and paid through the date of the Consent Decree is entered by the Court, plus interest on all such costs. [Ability to pay analysis on Mr. Hardy will be done prior to execution]. If at any time, the United States discovers that Mr. Hardy has concealed assets in existence prior to the execution of this Consent Decree, this covenant not to sue shall be null and void.

VIII. LIQUIDATION PROCESS

H.J. Unless and until the United States appoints a receiver or other third party to liquidate the Settlement Assets. The Foundation shall use best efforts to liquidate the Settlement Assets assets of the Foundation according to the attached schedule to be provided by Defendants. The Foundation shall be compensated out of Foundation Settlement Assets proceeds for the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of such liquidation. All liquidation costs and expenses that have been pre-approved in writing shall be reimbursable from the liquidation proceeds. If

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parties dispute the reasonableness or necessity of the costs or expenses, the dispute shall be resolved by the Court.

I.K. At any time after entry of this Consent Decree, the United States in its sole discretion may appoint a receiver or other third party to liquidate the Settlement Assets assets of the Foundation. The Foundation shall cooperate with the receiver or third party in the liquidation, including but not limited to, providing necessary signatures, information, or documents relating to the Settlement Assets assets or the liquidation thereof. Foundation shall grant the receiver or third party a general power. of attorney to perform the liquidation on behalf of the Foundation during the period of liquidation. The receiver or third party shall not assume any responsibility for managing or operating the Lee's Lane Landfill. If the United States appoints a receiver or other third party to liquidate the Settlement Assets conducto the liquidation, the United States will retain 90% of the net liquidated value of the Settlement Assets assets of the Foundation up to \$600,000; 38% 100% of the net liquidated assets value of the Settlement Assets between \$600,000 and \$800,000; and 80% of the net liquidated value of the Settlement Assets assets over \$800,000. Immediately upon the liquidation of any Settlement Asset, the net liquidated value shall be deposited into an interest bearing account with a financial institution approved by Defendants. payments to Defendants shall be made in accordance with nstructions provided by the Defendants to the United States. eiver or third party is appointed, the United States conducts

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the liquidation, the United States need not liquidate all assets of the Foundation, including the Lee's Lane Landfill, and shall have a reasonable time to complete the liquidation. During the time of the liquidation, the receiver or other third party shall have the authority to preserve the assets Settlement Assets of the Foundation, including, but not limited to, paying management fees, legal fees, mortgage payments, utility bills and taxes.

J.L. Unless and uUntil a the receiver or third party is appointed, the Foundation shall not take any action, and shall not refuse to take any action, that it believes will adversely affects the value of the Foundation's assets Settlement Assets including but not limited to failing to pay taxes mortgage payments or utility bills, encumbering any real estate, or allowing any appeal rights to lapse in pending litigation. The Foundation may use Foundation funds and assets the Settlement Assets or proceeds from Settlement Assets to preserve the assets Settlement Assets of the Foundation unless and until a the receiver or third party is appointed, including - paying management fees, taxes, payments, and utility bills for the Settlement Assets and any necessary and reasonable attorney's fees to protect any appeal rights relating to the Indiana property Settlement Assets which is are or become the subject of litigation; provided, however, that such payments must be pre-approved by the United States.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

 $\underline{K.M.}$ Defendants are bound by the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree upon their signature to this Consent Decree. If for

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any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation between the Pparties.

X. MODIFICATION

L.N. Except as provided for herein, there shall be no modification of this Consent Decree without prior written approval of the parties to this Consent Decree and the Court.

XI. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

M.O. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of this <u>Consent</u> Decree and to resolve disputes arising hereunder as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or execution of this <u>Consent</u> Decree.

XII. TERMINATION

N.P. The terms of this <u>Consent</u> Decree shall remain in effect until the <u>Settlement Assets</u> assets of the Foundation have been liquidated and <u>the appropriate amounts have been distributed</u> paid to the United States.

XIII. <u>DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS</u>

O. The United States hereby dismisses without prejudice its claims against the Defendants, except for those claims based on Past Costs or Future Costs, as to which claims the dismissal is with prejudice.

THIS CONSENT DECREE is entered on this _____ day of ______, 1995. IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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